

**RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations, or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal government body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 209, approved in 1996, prohibits the consideration of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in public employment, public education, or public contracting; and

WHEREAS, a 2016 study "The Impact of Proposition 209 on California's Minority and Women Business Enterprises" found that the implementation of Proposition 209 has cost women and people of color over one billion dollars annually in lost government contract awards; and

WHEREAS, despite the important role of women as the linchpin of their families' economic security and key drivers of our nation's prosperity, economic policies have rarely been designed with them in mind; and

WHEREAS, the absence of equal opportunity has forced communities of color to contend with an unjust disparity in quality of life, employment, and education; and

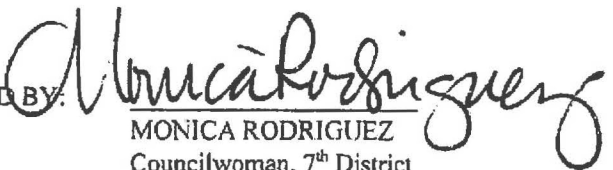
WHEREAS, Proposition 16, certified for the November 3, 2020 ballot, would allow government agencies to give preferential consideration based on race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in employment, contracting, and education; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles supported the passage of Assembly Constitutional Amendment 5 (Weber) through Council approval of Resolution (Rodriguez-Price) and has further made efforts to address the status quo of underrepresentation; and

WHEREAS, although the passage of Proposition 16 will be decided by voters in November, the City of Los Angeles must continue to aggressively advocate for equal opportunity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019-2020 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for Proposition 16 which would allow government agencies to give preferential consideration based on race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in employment, contracting, and education.

PRESENTED BY:

  
MONICA RODRIGUEZ  
Councilwoman, 7<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY:

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CURREN PRICE (verbal)  
Councilmember, 9th District

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